

On page 16, line 16, increase the amount by \$102,000,000.

On page 16, line 20, increase the amount by \$254,000,000.

On page 16, line 24, increase the amount by \$220,000,000.

On page 17, line 3, increase the amount by \$139,000,000.

On page 23, line 16, increase the amount by \$140,000,000.

On page 23, line 17, increase the amount by \$112,000,000.

On page 23, line 21, increase the amount by \$14,000,000.

On page 23, line 25, increase the amount by \$14,000,000.

On page 26, line 14, decrease the amount by \$855,000,000.

On page 26, line 15, decrease the amount by \$214,000,000.

On page 26, line 18, decrease the amount by \$268,000,000.

On page 26, line 21, decrease the amount by \$234,000,000.

On page 26, line 24, decrease the amount by \$139,000,000.

SA 221. Mr. BAYH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 65, after line 25, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . SENSE OF THE SENATE ON FEDERAL AGENCY AUDITS.

It is the sense of the Senate that in the event that a Federal agency does not receive an unqualified opinion with no material weaknesses or noncompliance relating to their annual financial audits, the Committee on Appropriations shall freeze the salary and travel budget for all of the political appointees at that Federal agency for the following fiscal year.

SA 222. Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 65, after line 25, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . SENSE OF THE SENATE TO MAKE MORE EFFICIENT AND EQUITABLE, FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUE DECISIONS.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds the following:

(1) Federal programs and policies directly influence local growth patterns through the location of Federal facilities, spending on public infrastructure, tax incentives, and Federal regulations.

(2) A majority of Americans favor walkable neighborhoods, shorter commutes, and open space protection, which are land development patterns favored by smart growth.

(3) Federal programs and policies should support local development choices that improve communities through the revitalization of town centers, transit and pedestrian-oriented development, increased access to re-

tail and public services, open space and parks, and a greater mix of housing, commercial, and retail uses.

(4) Federal incentives should encourage enhanced community quality of life, fiscally sound reinvestment in existing infrastructure, a balanced transportation system, and safe, decent, affordable places for people to live.

(5) Investing in existing infrastructure is a fiscally responsible use of resources. When not properly planned, local development decisions may actually burden the Federal budget by requiring the construction of new water, sewer, and transportation infrastructure in low-density areas, rather than funding the maintenance of existing infrastructure. Poorly planned development also often results in increased commuting times, traffic congestion, impaired air quality, loss of open space and environmentally sensitive areas, public health problems, lack of affordable housing, and poor accessibility to critical services such as schools and hospitals.

(6) Improving and investing in communities through good planning and sustainable community development has positive effects, reflected, for example, in fiscal cost savings, lower energy consumption, and healthier environments. In addition, businesses are increasingly locating to areas that offer parks and open spaces, provide walkable mixed-use communities, and include a variety of housing options.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the budgetary levels in this resolution assume that in making appropriations and revenue decisions, the Senate should—

(1) support Federal policies that encourage growth patterns that make efficient and equitable use of available housing, transportation, and infrastructure resources, including such policies as brownfields development programs, farmland protection programs, the retention of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), and Federal facility decisions, such as those made by the General Services Administration that consider the benefits of utilizing existing infrastructure; and

(2) address the unintended consequences of urban and suburban sprawl resulting from specific Federal programs and policies through the allocation of budgetary authority to provide incentives for sustainable growth.

SA 223. Mr. VITTER proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

On page 63, strike line 24, after the second period insert the following: “In dealing with homeland security assistance grants that relate to port security, Congress should (1) allocate port security grants under a separate, dedicated program intended specifically for port security enhancements, rather than as part of a combined program for many different infrastructure programs that could lead to reduced funding for port security, (2) devise a method to enable the Secretary of Homeland Security to both distribute port security grants to the Nation’s port facilities more quickly and efficiently and give ports the financial resources needed to comply with congressional mandates, and (3) allocate sufficient funding for port security to enable port authorities to comply with mandated security improvements, ensure the protection of our Nation’s maritime transportation, commerce system, and cruise pas-

sengers, strive to achieve funds consistent with the needs estimated by the United States Coast Guard, and recognize the unique threats for which port authorities must prepare.”.

SA 224. Mr. VITTER proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

On page 12, line 15, increase the amount by \$130,000,000.

On page 12, line 16, increase the amount by \$91,000,000.

On page 12, line 19, increase the amount by \$130,000,000.

On page 12, line 20, increase the amount by \$130,000,000.

On page 12, line 23, increase the amount by \$130,000,000.

On page 12, line 24, increase the amount by \$130,000,000.

On page 13, line 2, increase the amount by \$130,000,000.

On page 13, line 3, increase the amount by \$130,000,000.

On page 13, line 6, increase the amount by \$130,000,000.

On page 13, line 7, increase the amount by \$130,000,000.

On page 24, line 16, decrease the amount by \$130,000,000.

On page 24, line 17, decrease the amount by \$97,500,000.

On page 24, line 20, decrease the amount by \$130,000,000.

On page 24, line 21, decrease the amount by \$130,000,000.

On page 24, line 24, decrease the amount by \$130,000,000.

On page 24, line 25, decrease the amount by \$130,000,000.

On page 25, line 3, decrease the amount by \$130,000,000.

On page 25, line 4, decrease the amount by \$130,000,000.

On page 25, line 7, decrease the amount by \$130,000,000.

On page 25, line 8, decrease the amount by \$130,000,000.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 17, 2005, for a committee hearing titled “Back from the Battlefield: Are we providing the proper care for America’s Wounded Warriors?”

The hearing will take place in Room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building at 10 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 16, 2005, at 4:30 p.m. to receive a classified briefing regarding improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on Wednesday, March 16 at 11:30 a.m. to consider pending calendar business.

Agenda Item 1: To consider the nomination of Jeffrey Clay Sell, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

Agenda Item 2: To consider the nomination of Patricia Lynn Scarlett, to be the Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

In addition, the Committee may turn to any other measures that are ready for consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC
WORKS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet on Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at 9:15 a.m. to conduct a hearing regarding S. 606 The Reliable Fuels Act and The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2005.

The hearing will be in SD 406.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at 10:00 a.m., to hear testimony on "Expiring Tax Provisions: Live or Let Die."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session on Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. to hold hearing on EU Arms to China.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 16, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed briefing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIRLAND

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Airland be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 16, 2005 at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on army transformation and the future combat system in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2006.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Sub-

committee on Strategic Forces be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 16, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. in open session to receive testimony on national security space policy and programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2006.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION, CIVIL
RIGHTS, AND PROPERTY RIGHTS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Obscenity Prosecution and the Constitution" on Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at 3:00 p.m. in SD226. The tentative witness list is attached.

Panel I: Robert Destro, Professor of Law, Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC; Patrick Trueman, Senior Legal Counsel, Family Research Council, Former Chief, Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC; Frederick Schauer, Frank Stanton Professor of the First Amendment, Shorenstein Center, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Paul Brand and Karen Pavese my staff be given floor privileges during the debate on the budget resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that privilege of the floor be granted to Rachel Nuzum, a fellow in Senator BINGAMAN's office, and Jose Vito and Kent Ames, fellows in my office, during consideration of S. Con. Res. 18.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

STAR PRINT—S. 428

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 428 be star printed with the changes that are at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar Nos. 24 and 25, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk. I further

ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Raymond Thomas Wagner, Jr., of Missouri, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2009.

FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

Ronald Rosenfeld, of Oklahoma, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for the remainder of the term expiring February 27, 2009.

IN THE COAST GUARD

PN66 Coast Guard nomination of Vincent M. Weber, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 6, 2005.

PH67 Coast Guard nominations (212) beginning John C. Adams, and ending Andrew H. Zuckerman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 6, 2005.

PN123 Coast Guard nominations (2) beginning Robert M. Keith, and ending Daniel E. Ward, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 31, 2005.

FOREIGN SERVICE

PN120-1 Foreign Service nominations (32) beginning Walter E. North, and ending Robert J. Wilson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 24, 2005.

PN121 Foreign Service nominations (10) beginning Peter Fernandez, and ending Ross G. Kremer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 24, 2005.

PN137-1 Foreign Service nominations (9) beginning George Ruffner, and ending William Zarit, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 8, 2005.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC
ADMINISTRATION

PN138 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nominations (2) beginning James D. Rathbun, and ending Andrew P. Seaman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 8, 2005.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH
17, 2005

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 17. I further ask unanimous consent that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 18, the